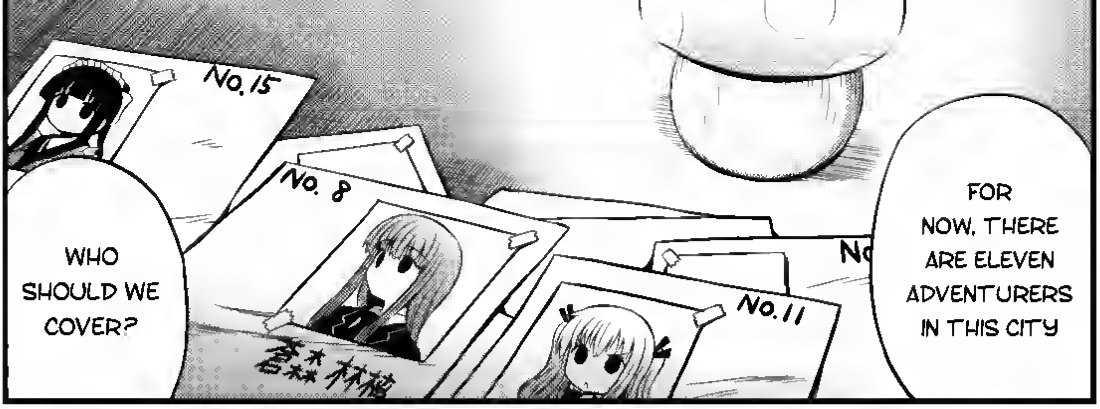
CHAPTER 9:
THE DESIRE FOR PAIN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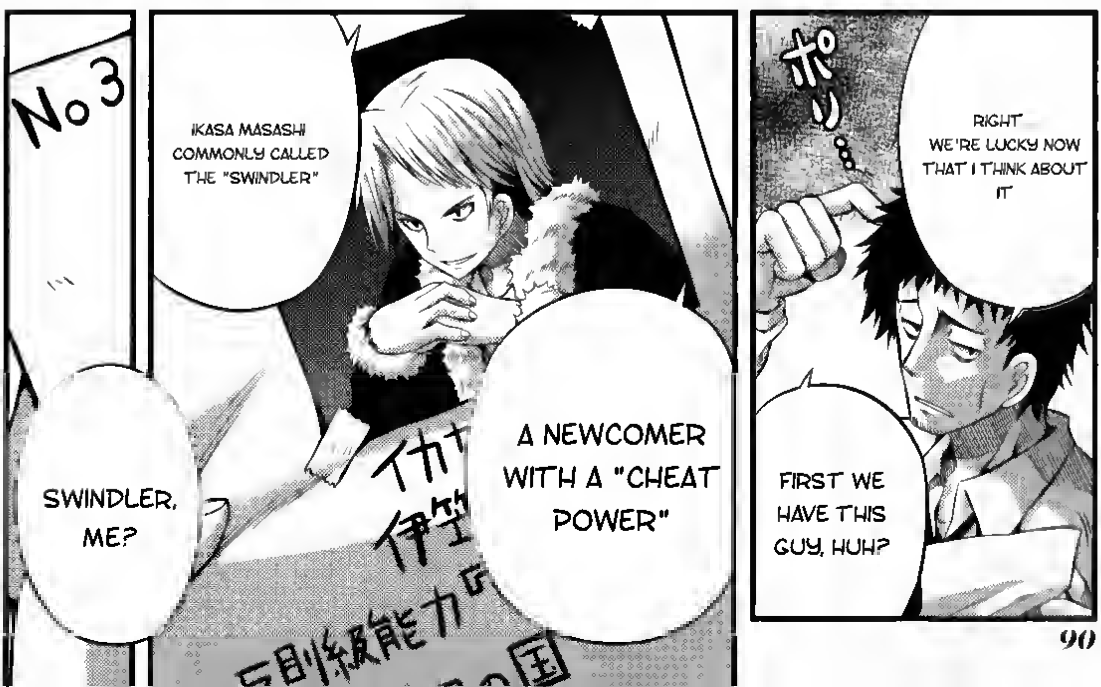
WHO SHOULD WE COVER?
FOR NOW, THERE ARE ELEVEN ADVENTURERS IN THIS CITY

HOW ABOUT SOMETHING SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU NORMALLY COVER?
OF COURSE, I'M EXCELLENT AFTER ALL
WE COULD COVER SOME ADVENTURERS STRUGGLING TOWARD TELEMERE
YOU CAN FIGURE SOMETHING OUT, CAN'T YOU?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IKASA MASASHI COMMONLY CALLED THE "SWINDLER"
A NEWCOMER WITH A "CHEAT POWER"
SWINDLER, ME?
RIGHT WE'RE LUCKY NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT
FIRST WE HAVE THIS GUY, HUH?

YOU JUST LOST BECAUSE YOU ARE A SECOND RATE PLAYER...
THERE IS NO WAY YOU GOT THAT WITHOUT CHEATING
YEA! YOU...
GO TEACH HIM A LESSON
THAT CHEATER
GET OUT
DON'T BULLSHIT ME KID
BUT HE PUTS IT TO SUCH POOR USE
YOU'RE OVERDOING IT MASASHI
AGAIN... HE IS CERTAINLY SKILLED

TODAY
IS RED
WHAT DO YOU THINK SO, NEKO?
CAT
空中三回転
W-WHAT'S WITH YOU?
YOU WON'T DIE AFTER BEING STABBED THIS MUCH?
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF POWER DO YOU HAVE?
YOU DON'T THINK A SWINDLER WOULD REVEAL HIS TRICK, DO YOU?
FIGURE IT OUT ON YOUR OWN

WATER, FIRE, AIR, AND EARTH..THESE FOUR ARE SPECIAL POWERS
THESE ARE THE FIRST AMONG ADVENTURERS HERE
THE "EXPLOSIVE FLAME DANCER" KAGAMI KAREN
AND ONE MORE..
PRYING INTO A WOMAN'S PAST, HOW TASTELESS OF YOU
"HEAD TAKER" WAJIMA SAIJI
"EXPLOSIVE FLAME DANCER" THERE IS A REWARD FOR YOU FROM THE COUNTRY OF FIRE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? IF YOU ARE ROYALTY
IT IS WORTH A DECENT AMOUNT OF MONEY
I'M INTERESTED IN YOUR HEAD
AH, MY BAD, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR PAST

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"ANGEL'S HALO"
I USE A RATHER UNIQUE WEAPON
I DON'T HAVE A POWER
BUT USING THIS I CAN TAKE ON THE BEST
LET ME SHOW YOU
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THIS WEAPON'S POWER

I'LL BE TAKING YOUR HEAD!!
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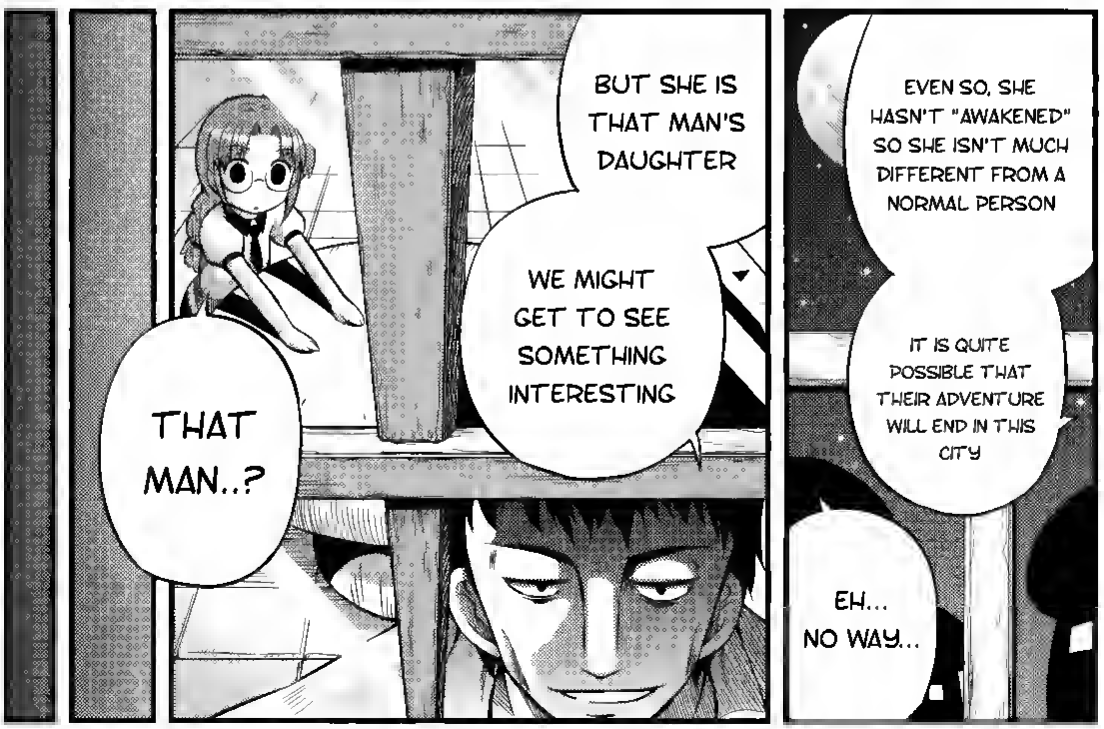
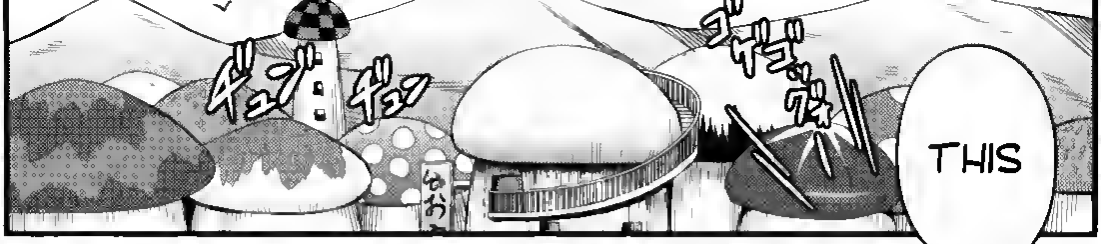
"FIERY NECKLACE"
YOUR WEAPON WON'T WORK ON ME
W-WHAT!?
"ANGEL'S HALO" MELTED..!?
WHEN I GET READY FOR A FIGHT, I SURROUND MYSELF IN A VIEL OF FLAME
IT EASILY REACHES TEMPERATURES THAT CAN MELT STEEL

IT IS TOO LATE TO NOTICE THAT NOW
THESE TWO WILL WORK
WEAPONS WON'T WORK ON HER..!?
WHAT AN UNTHINKABLE MONSTER

AAH .. AOMORI RINGO, A LIMIT BREAKER...
THEY'RE THE FIRST ADVENTURERS THAT I CAME ACROSS MYSELF, I REALLY WANNA COVER THEM!
EH... JUST TWO!? WHAT ABOUT NANA-SAN'S TEAM!?


THAT MAN..?
BUT SHE IS THAT MAN'S DAUGHTER
WE MIGHT GET TO SEE SOMETHING INTERESTING
EVEN SO, SHE HASN'T "AWAKENED" SO SHE ISN'T MUCH DIFFERENT FROM A NORMAL PERSON
IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THEIR ADVENTURE WILL END IN THIS CITY
EH... NO WAY...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IS HORRIBLE!
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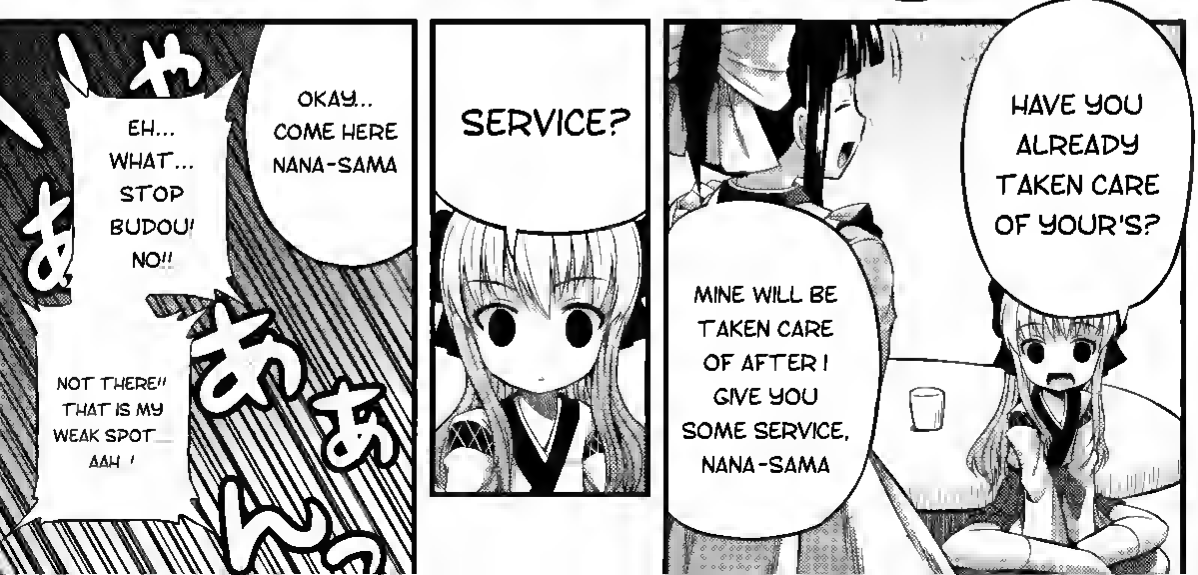
I RECKLESSLY USED MY BANANA POWER...
AT LEAST IT WAS ONLY ONE YESTERDAY
THE DAY AFTER THAT TROUBLE WITH MORISHIRO WAS EVEN WORSE
GOOD JOB TAKING CARE OF YOUR "RISK" NANA-SAMA


HAVE YOU ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR'S?
MINE WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF AFTER! GIVE YOU SOME SERVICE, NANA-SAMA
SERVICE?
OKAY.. COME HERE NANA-SAMA
EH... WHAT... STOP BUDOU! NO!!
NOT THERE!! THAT IS MY WEAK SPOT... AAH!
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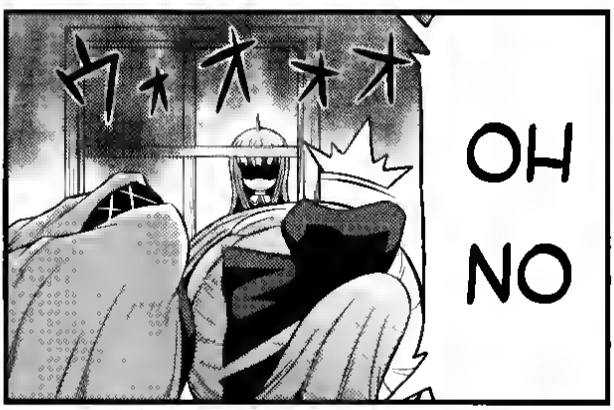
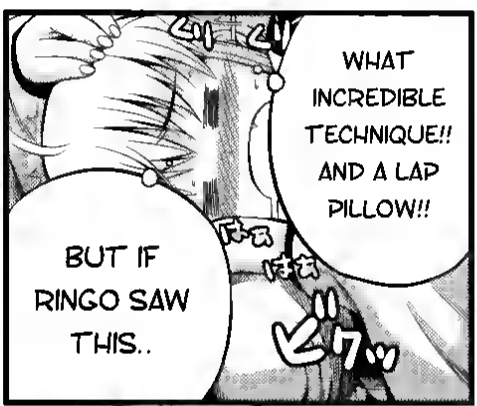
HOLD STILL, NANA-SAMA<3





...SO THAT IS WHY!!
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WE HEARD FROM HIKARU YESTERDAY HOW DANGEROUS THIS CITY IS RIGHT NOW
WHY WOULD YOU BEAT NANA-SAMA LIKE THIS!?
SO WE SHOULD LEAVE QUICKLY
IT IS YOUR FAULT THAT YOU WERE BEING SO SECRETIVE
I THINK WE SHOULD GATHER THE THINGS WE NEED FOR OUR TRIP
SO TO FINISH THE SHOPPING QUICKLY, WE OUGHT TO SPLIT UP
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BUDOU MADE THESE LISTS
FINISH QUICKLY AND WE'LL MEET IN THE TOWN SQUARE IN AN HOUR
IF SOMEONE HASN'T COME BACK IN AN HOUR, ASSUME THAT THEY RAN INTO TROUBLE
WE WILL GO SEARCHING, SO TAKE CARE NOT TO ACCIDENTALLY BE LATE
LET'S MATCH OUR WATCHES
BE SURE NOT TO GO SOMEWHERE WITH ANY STRANGERS, RINGO
W- WHY ARE YOU SAYING THAT TO ME?

BACK WHEN WE WERE KIDS I HAD TO SAVE YOU FROM SOME PEOPLE YOU WENT OFF WITH
IS THAT SO.. BE SURE SURE NOT TO GO OFF WITH STRANGERS
SO I KNOW THAT EVEN IF YOU DON'T SAY IT WITH SUCH A SERIOUS FACE!
WE'RE SIXTEEN NOW!
THAT WAS WHEN WE WERE KIDS!
EVEN THAT MAID GOT INTO IT
SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO MAKE FUN OF ME, I CAN MANAGE SHOPPING ON MY OWN
ALRIGHT, GOOD LUCK EVERYONE
OKAY NANA-SAMA!
SO RUDE!
AND THE MAID DEFEATED MORISHIRO HIMSELF
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
BACK WITH MORISHIRO.. NANA DEFEATED THAT MAID
BUT... THE MOST USERFUL PERSON FOR THIS ADVENTURE
ISN'T ME

AT THIS RATE
I
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THE TWO OF YOU CANNOT PREVENT YOUR SEPARATION...
AAH, IT IS OKAY
S-SORRY, I WAS SPACING OUT A BIT
AH...
SORRY ABOUT THAT
EH... YEA, AND YOU..?
OOH
ARE YOU AOMORI RINGO-SAN!?

THE GLASSES GIRL'S COLLEAGUE..?
ADVENTURE MAGAZINE WRITER ?

I AM THE ADVENTURE MAGAZINE WRITER
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COULD YOU SPARE TEN MINUTES FOR AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW?
AOMORI RINGO, I EXPECT GREAT THINGS OF YOU, THE "WHITE SHOCK"
WE ARE SURE THAT YOU WILL BECOME A GREAT ADVENTURER!
WITH ME..!?

THANK YOU, COME THIS WAY..
O-OKAY, JUST TEN MINUTES THOUGH

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I'M SURE THAT A MAGAZINE WRITER IS FINE..!
YOU CAN'T TALK TO STRANGERS!
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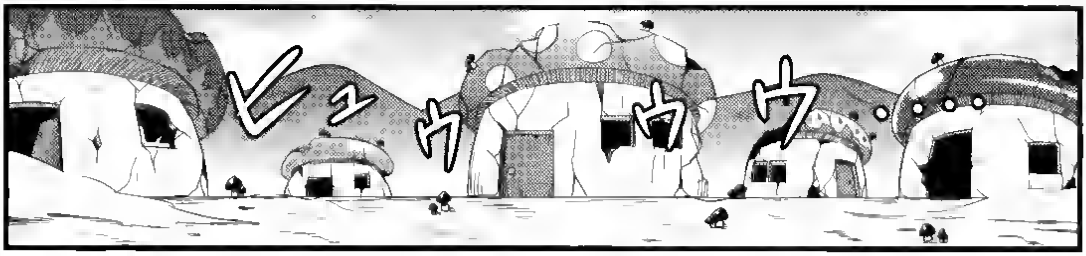
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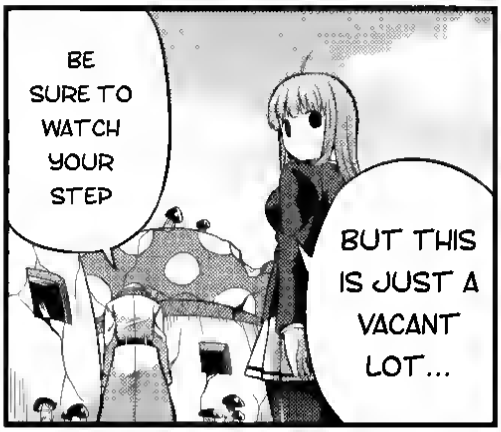
BE SURE TO WATCH YOUR STEP
BUT THIS IS JUST A VACANT LOT...

HUH? MY STEP?

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THESE ARE THOSE ADVENTURERS FROM YESTERDAY!

SURE IS A DESERTED PLACE FOR AN INTERVIEW
WE'RE HERE

STAKES...
DON'T TELL ME...
WHAT... THIS...
THEY ALL HAVE STAKES COMING OUT OF THEM
NO ONE WILL BOTHER US HERE
LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF AGAIN.. HEHE....
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I'M GOING TO KILL YOU, "WHITE SHOCK"
I AM THE "STAKE" ITAMI UGATSU

HEH... YOU'RE A LIMIT BREAKER
I'M EXPECTING A LOT OF YOU... HEHE...
THIS GUY...
IN THESE CLOSE QUARTERS I'M NEARLY DEFENSELESS
IS THAT WHY HE LURED ME HERE?
COME ON, SHOW ME YOUR LIMIT BREAK!!
NO TIME TO BE THINKING!!
ANTELOPE!!
カモシカの脚!!
アンテロープ

インパラショット!!
IMPALA SHOT!!

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UHH ...GH
OW, OWWW

COULD THIS GUY
JUST BE WEAK?

I TOOK HIM DOWN WITH ONE KICK..
EH..

HEHEHE... YOU BROKE A RIB...
GUU...
GOOD, GOOD KICK "WHITE SHOCK"
BUT THAT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH!
GIVE ME MORE, MORE, MORE, KICK ME MORE!!
MORE, HARDER, KICK ME HARDER!!
THEN
HE IS CREEPY... BUT HIS SPEED AND POWER AREN'T THAT IMPRESSIVE..!
LIKE I THOUGHT, HE IS WEAK!
THIS WILL END IT!

ガゼルショット!!
カモシカの脚(アンテロープ)!!
GAZELLE SHOT!
ANTELOPE
GAH!

I CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME HERE, I NEED TO FINISH THE SHOPPING
I WAS DIRECT WITH THAT ONE, HE WON'T BE GETTING UP ANYMORE
WHITE SHOCK, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING?
I'M STILL FUUUULL OF ENERGY OVER HERE
I WANNA SEE YOUR LIMIT BREAK KICK..!
STILL..!?
DO YOU THINK I'M JOKING
THEN LET ME SHOW YOU HOW SERIOUS I AM!!

...EH!?
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FUUUAH! THAT'S NICE. THIS PAIN<3
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DO YOU GET IT NOW?
ALRIGHT, LETS GO FURTHER!

THIS GUY
IS BAD NEWS
EHEHEHE MORE, PIERCE ME MOOORE !!
IT HURTS SO, SO, SO, SO, SO GOOD!!

IMPALA SHOT!!

インパラショット!!
I'LL KICK HIM QUICKLY
I'LL END IT THIS TIME

OOOOH YEAAAAH... <3
SOOO GOOOOD <3
コーオーボッ
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AUUUH!
I WANT TO HURT EVEN MORE!
ドプッ
EH...

WHAT... WHEN DID HE BECOME SO STRONG..?
WAS HE GOING EASY ON ME!?
YOUR LIMIT BREAK!
IF I PUSH YOU HARDER, WILL YOU SHOW IT TO ME!?
YEP, YOU'VE FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT
HIS POWER..!?
AS SOON AS HE IMPALED HIMSELF WITH THOSE STAKES
THAT'S NOT IT... THEN DOING THAT WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ANY MEANING... THAT IS WHEN HE GOT STRONGER
MY POWER'S NAME IS "GROWING PAINS"
IF I AM HURT A TON, I GET A TON OF POWER
MY POWER IS ONLY AS STRONG AS THE PAIN I RECIEVE

HE GETS STRONGER FROM PAIN!?
SO HE ATTACKED HIMSELF..!!
SO I WANT TO KNOW
HOW STRONG I WILL BE FROM THE PAIN FROM A LIMIT BREAKER
SHOW IT TO MEEEEE, LIMIT BREAKERRRR!

SHE HASN'T COME BACK
IT HAS BEEN AN HOUR
YES, NANA-SAMA!
I'VE GOT A REAL BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
I'LL CHECK THE SOUTH, YOU CHECK THE NORTH
RIN-
WE TOLD HER NOT TO GO OFF WITH STRANGERS!
RINGO-SAN!
A GIRL WITH RED HAIR? SHE WAS HEADED TO THE OUTSKIRTS WITH SOME STRANGE MAN
EEH!?
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